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*Elephant in Tarangire National Park. Wildlife trafficking threatens Tanzania's rich biodiversity and wildlife tourism.
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TANZANIA

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR: INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

U.S. FOREST SERVICE: INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

USAID works with the U.S. Department of the Interior International Technical Assistance Program (DOI ITAP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service International Programs (USFS IP) to provide government to government technical assistance to the government of the United Republic of Tanzania. Technical assistance supports and complements USAID's biodiversity and climate change programming in Tanzania, as well as larger U.S. Embassy mission goals in the environment and natural resource sector.

As federal land managers themselves, U.S. government land management agencies can provide unique perspectives and technical assistance to their Tanzanian counterparts. Through this coordination, DOI ITAP and USFS IP coordinate with USAID to respond to pressing challenges that support and strengthen conservation in Tanzania. Current programming focuses on the following sectors:

- Combatting Wildlife Trafficking / Convention on Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Enforcement
- Marine Protected Area Policy and Management / Mangrove Management and Monitoring
- Forestry and Land-use Planning
- Other Natural Resource Management Areas

Ongoing and Illustrative Activities

- Training wildlife-focused law enforcement and government of Tanzania institutions on conducting effective wildlife crime investigations.
- Strengthening Tanzanian regulations to meet minimum compliance with the Convention on Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, an international agreement that aims to ensure that the trade of wildlife does not threaten the survival of the species.
- Improving information sharing between conservation and anti-trafficking efforts in source regions of illegal wildlife products (East Africa) and destination regions (Southeast Asia).
- Provide recommendations for strengthening funding in the development and implementation of Tanzania's Marine Protected Area Network.
- Economic analyses of the comparative contributions of different marine park protected areas to Tanzania's blue economy.
- Execute Environmental Assessment focused on impacts of logging in village forest reserves and clearing of forests in villages for agriculture.
- Support informed village land use planning through the development of land cover time series.
- Conduct a regional assessment of rangeland programs in East Africa, with a focus on community-based rangeland management.

DURATION

Ongoing

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

National

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

U.S. Department of the Interior – International Technical Assistance Program

U.S. Department of Agriculture – Forest Service International Programs

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